



TOWN WARRANT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Hampshire, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Amherst
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

Prec. 1	North Congregational Church Hall	Prec. 6	Fort River School
Prec. 2	North Fire Station	Prec. 7	Crocker Farm School
Prec. 3	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Prec. 8	Munson Memorial Library
Prec. 4	Large Activity Room, Bangs Community Center	Prec. 9	Wildwood School
Prec. 5	Large Activity Room, Bangs Community Center	Prec. 9A	New Africa House, UMASS
		Prec. 10	Glass Room, Bangs Community Center

on **TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF MARCH, 2005** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose: To casts their votes in the Annual Town Election for the candidates for the following offices:

Moderator, one for one year; Select Board, two for three years; School Committee, one for three years; Elector, Oliver Smith Will, one for one year; Jones Library Trustee, two for three years; Housing Authority, one for five years; Redevelopment Authority, one for three years; Town Meeting Members: Precinct 1, twenty-four for three years; Precinct 2, twenty-four for three years; Precinct 3, twenty-four for three years; Precinct 4, twenty-four for three years, Precinct 5, twenty-four for three years; Precinct 6, twenty-four for three years; Precinct 7, twenty-four for three years; Precinct 8, twenty-four for three years, Precinct 9, twenty-four for three years, Precinct 10, twenty-four for three years.

QUESTION 1

Shall the town approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission, summarized below?

Summary:

The proposed charter would replace the representative town meeting with a nine member town council, and would replace the select board with a directly elected mayor. The mayor would be the town's chief executive officer, and would chair the council, have veto power over most council actions (subject to 2/3 override), appoint most committees, and provide overall policy leadership to the town. The town manager would remain the chief administrative officer, subject to policy decisions of the mayor and council. The school committee and board of library trustees would continue unchanged, and the mayor would be a non-voting member of each.

QUESTION 2

Shall Sections 1.3 and 2.42 of the Amherst Town Government Act be amended to provide for uniform voting hours at all town elections by adding the language in **boldface** and deleting the language in ~~strike thru~~ as follows:

1.3 Conduct of Elections. Meeting of the registered voters of the several precincts for elections, for primaries, and for voting upon any question to be submitted to all registered voters of the town, shall be held on the same day ~~and at the same hour~~ and at the same places within the town as the select board shall in the warrant for such election direct, **and the polls shall open no later than 7 o'clock in the morning and shall close no earlier than 8 o'clock in the evening.**

2.4 Referendum. ... 2.42 Election Procedure. ...The polls shall ~~be open during hours to be determined by the select board but they shall be open~~ no later than ~~noon~~ **7 o'clock in the morning** and shall ~~be closed~~ not earlier than 8 o'clock in the evening...

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of March, 2005.

Select Board, Town of Amherst

Hampshire, ss.

(date)

In obedience to the within Warrant, I have this day as directed posted true and attested copies thereof at the following designated places, to wit:

Prec. 1 North Amherst Post Office
Prec. 2 North Fire Station
Prec. 3 Marks Meadow School
Prec. 4 Amherst Post Office
Prec. 5 Town Hall

Prec. 6 Fort River School
Prec. 7 Crocker Farm School
Prec. 8 Munson Memorial Library
Prec. 9 Wildwood School
Prec. 10 Campus Center, UMass

Constable, Town of Amherst